

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE ON
GAMING**



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I. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

The Legislative Council directed the Committee to study the following:

- (1) Horse racing committees.
- (2) Breed development funds.
- (3) New requirements and rules regarding races solely for Indiana owned, sired, or bred horses.
- (4) Other issues related to the distribution of money between horsemen and horse racing tracks.

II. SUMMARY OF WORK PROGRAM

The Committee met in the State House on the following occasions:

- (1) September 20, 2010.
- (2) September 27, 2010.
- (3) October 18, 2010.

III. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee heard testimony concerning the following topics:

- (1) The Indiana Horse Racing Commission (IHRC).
- (2) The breed development programs for quarter horses, standardbreds, and thoroughbreds.
- (3) The following associations representing the interests of the people in the horse racing industry:
 - Quarter Horse Racing Association of Indiana (QHRAI).
 - Indiana Standardbred Association (ISA).
 - Indiana Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association (IHBPA).
 - Indiana Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (ITOBA).
- (4) The IHRC's Quality of Racing initiative.
- (5) The economic impact of horse racing and the equine industry.
- (6) The tax and fee obligations of the two racetrack casinos.
- (7) The percentage of slot machine revenues that must be devoted to supporting the horse racing industry.

The minutes and exhibits related to the testimony presented to the Committee can be viewed electronically at <http://www.in.gov/legislative>. Hard copies can be obtained in the Legislative Information Center in Room 230 of the State House in Indianapolis, Indiana. Requests for hard copies may be mailed to the Legislative Information Center, Legislative Services Agency, West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2789. A fee of \$0.15 per page and mailing costs will be charged for hard copies.

IV. COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee made no findings of fact and made no recommendations.

WITNESS LIST

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